

**REMARKS**

Applicants have canceled claims 2 and 23 have amended claims 1 and 22.

Applicants note with appreciation the Office's indication that claims 7-13, 15-19, 20, 27-31, 33-35, 37-39, and 41 are allowable over the prior art of record and that claims 32 and 23 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the outstanding office action is respectfully requested.

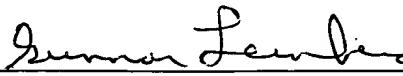
The Office has rejected claims 1, 3-6, 14, 18, 22, 24-26, and 42 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the article "Multi-spectral color reproduction research at the Munsell Color Science Laboratory" to Berns et al. (Berns) in view of the article "Spectrophotometric image analysis of fine art paintings" to Maitre et al. (Maitre) and claims 21, and 32 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Berns and Maitre in view of US Patent No. 5,949,914 to Yuen (Yuen). The Office has also objected to claims 2 and 23 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, Applicants have amended claim 1 to substantially incorporate the subject matter of claim 2, amended claim 22 to substantially incorporate the subject matter of claim 23, and cancelled claims 2 and 23. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Office is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1 and 22. Since claims 3-6, 14, 18, and 21 depend from and contain the limitations of claim 1 and claims 24-26, 32, and 42 depend from and contain the limitations of claim 22, they are distinguishable over the cited references and are patentable in the same manner as claims 1 and 22.

In view of all of the foregoing, applicant submits that this case is in condition for allowance and such allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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